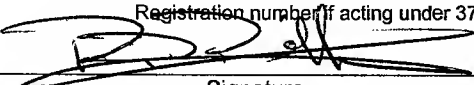


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2009 <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number (Optional) 022956-0214	
Application Number	10/615,625-Conf. #9377	Filed	June 27, 2003
For BIOABSORBABLE SUTURE ANCHOR SYSTEM FOR USE IN SMALL JOINTS			
Art Unit	3731	Examiner	A. T. T. Nguyen
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.			
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$130	\$65	\$ 130.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$490	\$245	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1110	\$555	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1730	\$865	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2350	\$1175	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>141449</u> .			
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>59,659</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.			
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____			
 _____ Signature		December 9, 2008 _____ Date	
Rory P. Pheiffer _____ Typed or printed name		_____ Telephone Number	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.			

One Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: December 9, 2008

Electronic Signature for Rory P. Pheiffer: /Rory P. Pheiffer/